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## **Salmonella Outbreak Investigated by Health Officials**

The Monroe County Health Department is investigating a Salmonella outbreak at Brook-Lea Country Club, 891 Pixley Road, Gates. Eight cases of Salmonella have been confirmed thus far. Additional potential cases are being investigated.

Health officials request that anyone who has consumed food at the facility since June 1, 2002 and who has diarrhea, or has had diarrhea, contact their physician. Tests will be conducted to determine if the illness is Salmonella.

Brook-Lea management is cooperating fully with health officials and has voluntarily closed their food preparation operations until it has been determined that no on-going threat exists. An outside company is commercially cleaning the facility. All prepared and ready-to-eat food has been discarded.

Salmonella is a bacterial illness. Symptoms include diarrhea, fever and abdominal cramps, and usually develop 12 to 72 hours after infection. The illness usually lasts 4 to 7 days; most people recover without treatment. Salmonella is usually transmitted by eating contaminated foods. Many raw foods of animal origin, such as beef, poultry and eggs contain Salmonella. Thorough cooking, however, kills the bacteria. Food may also become contaminated when an ill food handler fails to wash their hands after use of the restroom.

Health Department staff will be available at - **274-6064** - through 7 p.m. to answer questions.

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